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Sir:

In accordance with M.P.E.P. §713.04, applicant submits the following:

(A) A Brief Description of Exhibit

Applicant provided a demonstration of the invention on a laptop computer.

(B) Identification of Claims

Claim 1 was discussed.

(C) Identification of Prior Art

Mukherjee, U.S. 6,314,415 and Hot Docs, of record.

(D) Identification of Proposed Substantive Amendments

The amendments made by the Amendment/Submission dated December 22, 2003 were discussed.

(E) Brief Identification of Principal Arguments

Applicant argued that the Mukherjee and Hot Docs references were forms generators that populated fields and were incapable of drafting the text of a document and using combinations of programming functionalities of the programming environment to draft the document. The

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limitations of the prior art with respect to dynamically altering the dialog sequence of requests was also discussed.

(F) Indication of Other Pertinent Matters

None

(G) Outcome of the Interview

The Examiner indicated further searching was necessary in view of applicant's Amendment/Submission of December 22, 2003.

(H) A Paper Copy of the Interview Via Internet E-mail Must be on File With the Patent Application File

Not applicable.

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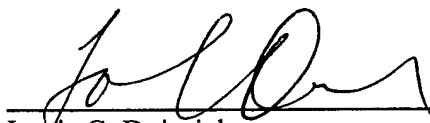
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